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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

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 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	5-8	YES
	Claims	1-4, 9	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	5-8	YES
	Claims	1-4, 9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims	-	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Reference is made to the following document:

D1 : WO 99/02565 A (THERASORB MEDIZINISCHE SYSTEME GMBH), 21 January 1999

1. Clarity of the claims, support by the description (PCT Article 5 and 6)

1.1 The phrase "which peptide possesses the biological property of matching the inducible VE-cadherin binding motif on the Bbeta chain (i.e. Bbeta 15-42) of human fibrin" in **claims 1, 7** is vague and unclear and leaves the reader uncertain as to the meaning of the technical feature in question. As a result, the subject matter of said claims is not clearly defined (PCT Article 6).

1.2 The amino acid sequence DKKREEAPSLRPAPPIISGGGYR in **claim 5** could possibly be lacking a proline radical and should possibly read DKKREEAPSLRPAPPPPISGGGYR.

1.3 In the present description the inhibiting effect of the peptides Bbeta15-42, Bbeta15-18, Bbeta15-26, Bbeta15-30, Bbeta15-34, Bbeta15-37 and Bbeta16-42 on the binding

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of the peptide Bbeta15-42 to VE-cadherin is indicated.

The activity of the peptide Bbeta15-42 in the treatment of mice infected with dengue virus and in the treatment of Gram-negative shock in rats is furthermore demonstrated.

However, therapeutic activity has not been demonstrated either for the shortened Bbeta peptides or further modified Bbeta peptides, or for the Aalpha peptide or for modified Aalpha peptides.

Consequently, the subject matter of **claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9** is considered to be insufficiently supported by the description and to be not disclosed clearly and completely over the entire scope of protection sought (PCT Article 5 and 6).

2. Novelty (PCT Article 33(2))

D1 discloses the use of the peptides GPR, GPRP, GPRV and GPRPERHES for the production of a medicament for treatment of diseases accompanied by microcirculation disorders, such as e.g. shock. Peptide GPRPERHES can be regarded as a peptide in which "Z5 is a peptide radical derived from the Aalpha or Bbeta chain of fibrin".

D1 therefore is prejudicial to the novelty of the subject matter of **claims 1-4, 9**.